

SB 6884 - DIGEST

Finds that staffed residential homes, as currently licensed by the department of social and health services, are a type of group-care facility that provides quality services for children in a home-like setting, including expectant mothers and children with developmental disabilities.

Finds that the children served by licensed staffed residential homes primarily attend public schools, and that their social and educational needs can be better met by collaboration and communication between the school district, the staffed residential home provider, and the department of social and health services.

Finds that community integration of children served in licensed staffed residential homes is beneficial to the children, helpful to their educational needs, and builds stronger relationships with community members.

Declares an intent that stronger relationships be created between staffed residential homes, school districts, the department of social and health services, and the community, to promote positive social and educational outcomes for children served by staffed residential homes.